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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRIVATE VISIT BY PRESIDENT BANDA

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1. SUGGEST BEST MEANS ASCERTAINING ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, ACTUALLY, IS TO CALL INDIANA U. IN 1975 MALAWI DESK CONFIRMED THAT INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED BY INDIANA. AS EMBASSY RECALLS, BANDA UNABLE ACCEPT BECAUSE HAD ALREADY MADE PLANS VISIT LONDON. ON OCCASION AMBASSADOR'S TALK WITH BANDA ON MARCH 30, 1977 (REF B), BANDA REFERRED FACT HAD HAD THREE INVITATIONS VISIT U.S. TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE FROM INDIANA AND WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT BUT COULD NOT BECAUSE OF QUEEN'S JUBILEE. SAID AT TIME " BUT NEXT YEAR (1978) I WILL BE COMING TO YOU FOR A VISA." THEREFORE, AS AMBASSADOR TOLD WHITING WHEN HE WAS HERE, IT WOULD SEEM TO BE A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. HOWEVER, WE WOULD EXPECT HIM BEFORE LONG TO PUT OUT FEELERS RE USG REACTIONS IF HE IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING ACCEPTANCE AND IN VIEW OF FACT HE SAW PRESIDENT ON PREVIOUS VISIT WELL MIGHT IN END DECIDE NOT TO COME UNLESS HE HAD ASSURANCE HE COULD TALK WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AT SOME POINT DURING VISIT. EMBASSY THINKS HE MIGHT ALSO DEVELOP NERVOUS MISGIVINGS RE INEVITABLE EXPOSURE TO FREE PRESS IN U.S. BUT DOUBT THAT THIS ALONE WOULD HOLD HIM BACK.

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